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WITNESS AT THE CROSS

A Lenten Journey

"Winning by Losing"

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Second Sunday in Lent
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE [ORGAN] O Sacred Head Sore Wounded J. S. Bach

WELCOME Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*) Patty Staggs

Leader: Loving God, we approach you with confidence today:

**People: confident that you have created the world around us;
confident that you have created us in your image;
confident that you are recreating us through your Holy Spirit;
confident in your promise of forgiveness and new life through Jesus,
through his life, death and resurrection.**

Leader: As we approach you in worship, help us to look to the sacrifice of the Cross;

**People: help us hear your words of forgiveness and freedom;
help us taste a glimpse of paradise in your kingdom. Amen.**

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OPENING SONG [ORGAN] (Please stand if able)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:32-43 (CEB)

Patty Staggs

They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"WINNING BY LOSING"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

RESPONSE

God So Loved the World

John Stainer
LMUMC Choir

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581 vs 1,4

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.
4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Do, Lord, Remember Me

UMH 527 (adapt)

1. Do, Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;
singing do, Lord, remember me.

2. I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.
singing do, Lord, remember me.
3. When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
singing do, Lord, remember me.
4. When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me.
When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me.
When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me.
singing do, Lord remember me.
5. I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun.
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun.
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun.
singing do, Lord remember me.

CLOSING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Patty Staggs

Leader: It is a modest request.

The man has
had time to think,
perhaps become.

People: Faces his past without shame
save for by association
with cruelty on cruelty on cruelty

Leader: Guilty or not,
a person convicted has no time
for illusions of the world.
He comes to the place of The Skull.

People: Still there is time:
a request, a plea,
not release, not deliverance,
just remembrance.

All: Think on me
Even now, grace.
Especially now, grace. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan
arr. Mark Hayes